Superintendent David Gordon
Sacramento County Office of Education

May 19, 2020

Dear Superintendent Gordon,

It has been brought to our attention that there are graduation events that are being planned that do not meet the guidelines for social distancing and violate the current Stay-At-Home Health Officer Orders. We understand that they are not sponsored by school officials and that they will not take place on school property. We would like to caution everyone that although the data we have demonstrates that we have successfully ‘bent the curve’ of COVID-19 infections and deaths, gatherings of this nature that do not abide by the social distancing guidelines put people’s lives at risk of transmission of COVID-19. It is now known that even children that were previously thought to be at low risk of disease and complications can get severe disease and can transmit to family members that may be at higher risk. I am asking that you send out a notification to all schools that these events are not endorsed by the Sacramento County Office of Education or Sacramento County Public Health. I am also asking that school officials refrain from participating in these events. I thank you again for your collaboration with Public Health as we continue to work to protect our communities.

Sincerely,

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Public Health Officer
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